



Minutes for March 1, 2007

Introductions:

Since there are a lot of new faces, we went around the room and did brief introductions.

Old Business:

ITAB Report

- The Performance team is working on making it easier for people to be moved between classifications. They are looking at all the Position Descriptions from CI Trainee through Manager II. For now, they are only looking through CITS III and Manager I for the re-classifications
- About 60% of all the certified Project Managers that needed to renew succeeded – a note has been sent to the rest.
- There is a huge change this year for Daylight Savings time --- the feds moved it up a few weeks and software isn't set to handle that. So, at home, you might have to reset your own machine. Here at work, I think things are covered EXCEPT with Outlook. There is no easy fix for that – when the time change hits – you will need to be aware as your meetings might get moved to one hour earlier, especially for recurring appointments. While MS put out a fix, it doesn't seem to be working well.
- Mike Miller at MODot said they are trying to reduce the number of contractors. His management (they are not a consolidated agency) has given him additional FTE in order to do this. Their budget has been cut drastically and he can no longer afford to employee the number of contractors they do. They are offering slots first to the contractors if they want to join MODot, but also have some positions open.
- Also from MODot – they had Keith Mathis come in and do a Project Management Update Course – it's a 3 ½ hour course. This will soon be available via the Project Management website at Central.
- 53% of the Active Directory changes have been made; 86% of the Exchange changes have been made.

Web Standards Group

Online Services –

Lynn McKee was not able to make the meeting, will give you an update as soon as I'm able via MO-WEB

New Business:

Business Portal launched Feb. 20 (<http://business.mo.gov>)

First day – it got 6000 hits

Video streaming survey results – copies were passed out. Thanks for all who responded. Posted on the [DMD Website](#).

Agency Projects/ Open Discussion:

Lainie asked whether anyone is using Acrobat 8 yet. Stephanie Bryan with DOR said they were using it. She shared the layout was a little different but one thing she noted is the ability to save the notes portion of PowerPoint files with the file or as a separate file (which previous versions of PowerPoint

would ignore/not include notes pages when converting to PDF). Lainie shared with the group that she has been contacted by Netcentric, maker of the product CommonLook (PDF accessibility tool). She contacted one of their clients (State of Oklahoma) to see what they thought of the tool. Based on the feedback from Oklahoma, the newest version of Adobe Acrobat (version 8) appeared to them to do as good of a job on accessibility compliance as CommonLook.

Steve Owens reported that they are looking to replace the services, nodaway and castor servers. There will be a meeting March 6 to discuss whether to buy new hardware or outsource the hardware maintenance to MOREnet. The March 6 meeting will gather recommendations from the various agencies.

Josh Bullock asked if anyone was playing around with Web 2.0 (AJAX) and any accessibility issues. Lainie mentioned they have a developer looking into some of the features. Kevin Lanahan added that the main issue seems to be when there are page changes that screen readers, etc. cannot detect. Those are the situation to avoid when using AJAX.

Next monthly meeting is April 5 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in room 500 of the Harry S Truman Building.